



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Sergeant Ian Williams McConnell, twenty-four years of age, was a resident of Woodbury, Minnesota and 2005 graduate of Hill-Murray High School in Maplewood, Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Sergeant Ian Williams McConnell was a dedicated member of the United States Marine Corps, serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan performing Explosive Ordinance Disposal, and was recently accepted into the Marine Corps Special Operations Command; and
- WHEREAS: Sergeant Ian Williams McConnell passed away as an active-duty Marine on July 6, 2011. Sergeant McConnell was compassionate and selfless and had a good sense of humor, and will be missed dearly by his mother, Elizabeth; father, Andy; sister, Meg; grandfathers, Jack and John; and many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends; and
- WHEREAS: A celebration of Ian's life will be held Monday, July 18, 2011, in Stillwater, Minnesota, followed by interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes Sergeant Ian Williams McConnell for his dedicated service to and sacrifice for his fellow citizens of Minnesota and the United States of America with its deepest gratitude, and all thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and entire community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby order all U.S. flags and Minnesota flags be flown at half-staff at all state and federal buildings in the State of Minnesota, from sunrise until sunset on Monday, July 18, 2011, in honor and remembrance of Sergeant Ian Williams McConnell.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 15th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the state the one hundred fifty-third.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Dayton", is written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark Ritchie", is written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE